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MEMBRANE STABILITY**  
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**RESPONSE**

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This Response addresses the Office Action mailed January 30, 2002.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's objection to the drawings. As stated in the specification at page 5, lines 8-14, the heating element and the temperature measurement element are provided as part of the platinum layer 10 shown in Figure 1: "silicon oxide layer 11 is etched so that structures provided in platinum layer 10 can be contacted electrically to form the heating element or temperature measurement element(s)." Withdrawal of this objection is